

r>**Title:** Regarding conduct of some members particularly Shri Surender Prasad Yadav and Shri Ajit Kumar Mehta led to highly unparliamentary and disorderly scenes in the House on 13th July, 1998.

12.01 hrs

(At this stage, Kumari Mamata Banerjee, and some other hon. Members came and stood on the floor near the Table.)

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MR. SPEAKER: Mamata Ji, please resume your seat. Let me complete my observations.

12.02 hrs.

MR. SPEAKER: As the Members are aware, yesterday, that is, 13th July, 1998, the House was witness to highly unparliamentary and disorderly scenes in the evening which compelled me to adjourn the House for the day. As the hon. Members would recall when the House met after a series of adjournments at 1730 hours, several hon. Members rushed to the well of the House menacingly and crowded around my Chair and started raising slogans. A Member, Shri Surender Prasad Yadav (Jahanabad) went to the extent of snatching papers from my desk. To facilitate transaction of the listed business, I called Shri M. Thumbi Durai, the Minister of Law, Justice and Company affairs to introduce the Constitution (Eighty-Fourth Amendment) Bill, 1998 which was listed at item No.10 in yesterday's List of Business for introduction. As the Minister was seeking the leave of the House, the same Member, Shri Surender Prasad Yadav (Jahanabad) aided by another Member, Shri Ajit Kumar Mehta, forcibly snatched papers from the Minister and prevented him from introducing the Bill. Thereafter, there was complete pandemonium in the House. Under these circumstances, I was left with no other option but to adjourn the House for the day and leave the Chamber in anguish.

I am constrained to observe that such unruly scenes, particularly the disorderly conduct of the Members, amounts to bringing the House into contempt and is highly reprehensible. If the elected representatives of the people behave and conduct themselves in such a fashion, the very credibility of this democratic institution will stand eroded.

I deprecate the conduct of Shri Surender Prasad Yadav (Jahanabad) and Shri Ajit Kumar Mehta in the strongest possible terms. I also urge upon the Leaders of all the Parliamentary Parties in Lok Sabha to ensure that their Members conduct themselves in the House in the manner befitting their status.
